

students through the introduction of a new wellness policy which includes strict dietary reform. Reform such as this throughout the district will not only help to curb the growing childhood obesity rate, but will also help to improve the performance of students in the classroom. I believe the central coast is an ideal area for the implementation of a policy of this type. We produce an abundance of fresh produce within our district and if students are eating what we are growing right here at home, complying with these new regulations will be a simple, healthy undertaking.

I commend Jean on her contributions to her district and her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for the children who are the future of our country.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of tolerant, effective, comprehensive immigration reform.

Half a million people, if not a million people, marched peacefully in Los Angeles to let the Senate know that enforcement and border protection-only approach will not solve our broken immigration system. 300,000 people in Chicago, 40,000 in Washington, DC, and 20,000 in Milwaukee and Phoenix marched to defend the hopes and dreams of immigrant families. Nearly 40,000 students across Southern California, including students at several schools in my district, marched for the rights of immigrants.

I urge my colleagues in this body and in the Senate to listen to the message which reverberated across the country and support a tolerant and effective immigration policy. We need effective legislation that strikes the right balance between national security and reforming our current immigration system.

This should include a path to permanency for the millions of law-abiding and taxpaying immigrants who call the United States home. It should reduce the long lines in the family immigration system to promote family unity and include measures to control the future flow of immigrants by providing them with legal avenues to live and work in the United States.

Several proposals under consideration by Congress have a different approach. Rather than fixing the broken immigration system, they worsen the myriad of enforcement only measures which have already been tried and which have failed.

For example, between 1990 and 2000 the size of the border patrol tripled, yet the number of undocumented immigrants increased. Between 1999 and 2004, the number of border agents in the Tucson, Arizona sector of the border increased by 56 percent, while the number of arrests increased by only 4 percent.

This enforcement only approach has done nothing to protect our Nation's security. It merely encourages immigrants to cross in remote areas where it is more difficult to be caught and where they are more likely to die. We must secure our borders. We need to know who is crossing our borders and living and working in our country for our national se-

curity. But, enforcement alone will not accomplish this goal.

I hope the U.S. Senate follows the lead of its Judiciary Committee and adopts legislation that will truly reform the system and enhance our Nation's security.

I am pleased that the bill approved by the Committee includes the DREAM Act. As a member of the California Assembly, I authored the first bill to allow in-state tuition for outstanding California students.

Immigrant families are an important part of our social fabric and our economy. Undocumented workers contribute as much as \$7 billion a year into the Social Security system yet do not collect benefits. They fill an increasing share of jobs in labor-scarce regions and fill the types of jobs native workers often shun.

Immigrants and their families serve and sacrifice as members of our Nation's Armed Forces. There are more than 35,000 people defending our Nation who are not U.S. citizens, and another 28,806 members of the military who have become U.S. citizens since the events of 9-11. Since September 11, 73 servicemembers have been granted posthumous citizenship. One of them, Francisco Martinez Flores of Duarte, was a constituent of mine. Their sacrifice is no less important to our country because of their immigration status. Undocumented immigrants are our neighbors, co-workers, fellow worshipers, and friends. Many of them want to stay in America and become full-fledged members of our society.

President Bush said "Immigration is an important topic. . . . We need to maintain our perspective. . . . At its core, immigration is a sign of a confident and successful nation." I hope the Senate keeps this in mind and does not let itself be influenced by the demagogues in our media and in Congress.

As the proud daughter of immigrants, I value America's history of treasuring the contributions that immigrants have made to America. For generations, immigrants all over the World have been welcomed by the Statue of Liberty's message: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, . . ." We should not forget that our ancestors struggled and yearned for the American dream as much as immigrants do today.

Today, I was pleased to join the Progressive Caucus in sending a letter to the Senate asking for real and comprehensive immigration reform. I urge my colleagues to adopt legislation which provides a real solution for our broken immigration system and reject enforcement-only proposals.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF GEORGE EDWIN 'JETTY' STEEL

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of George Edwin 'Jetty' Steel, a dedicated lawyer and long-standing pillar of the Nashville, Arkansas, legal community and Howard County. He passed away on March 3, 2006, at the age of 89. I wish to recognize his life and achievements.

Jetty was born in Ashdown, Arkansas, on August 16, 1916. After graduating from Nash-

ville High School, he attended Hendrix College and received a law degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Jetty then began an impressive 67-year legal career in Nashville, where he served as the City Attorney of Nashville, Prosecuting Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Arkansas, and a partner of Steel and Steel Law Firm.

Jetty's commitment went far beyond the legal community; he led a life of public service by offering unwavering support for institutions throughout Nashville. He served on the Arkansas State Police Commission for 19 years, Board of Directors of First National Bank in Nashville for 20 years, Board of Directors of Diamond State Bank, Board of Directors of Nashville Federal Savings and Loan Association for 33 years, Board of Directors of the Bank of Glenwood and Board of Directors of the University of Arkansas Alumni Association. He was also a member of the Arkansas State Racing Commission and a member of First United Methodist Church in Nashville.

Jetty will be remembered for his lifetime of dedication to his community. While he may no longer be with us, his spirit and legacy will live on in the hearts he touched throughout Nashville. My deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences are with his son, George Steel; his daughter, Donna Kay Steel Yeargan; his grandchildren, George, Linsley, Ashley, and Nate; his great-grandchildren; and to all those who knew and counted him as a friend.

IN HONOR OF NEWSPAPER OWNER CONE MAGIE

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Cone Magie of Cabot, Arkansas, a great journalist and businessman who devoted his entire life to public service. As an owner of five newspapers, Magi provided reliable and trustworthy news to Central Arkansas for more than 50 years.

Magi's love of the newspaper business began as a young boy when he delivered papers for the Arkansas Gazette. He went on to serve as editor of the England High School newspaper, published a newsletter during his service in World War II, and upon leaving the service, studied journalism at the University of Arkansas. Magi took his first reporting job at the Madison County Record and eventually traveled to Washington, DC where he published a newsletter for the Arkansas and Iowa Farm Bureaus.

After mastering reporting, Magi bought the Cabot Star-Herald in 1955 and eventually added four other newspapers to his company, Magie Enterprises, Inc. His other newspapers include the Carlisle Independent, the Lonoke Democrat, the Sherwood Voice, and the Jacksonville Patriot. Magi served as president of the Arkansas Press Association in 1967 and frequently testified before the Arkansas Legislature on issues impacting the media. Magi and his wife, Betty, were inducted into the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville's Walter J. Lemke Department of Journalism Hall of Honor in 2005 for their significant contributions to Arkansas' newspaper industry.